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Minneapolis man sentenced to 54 months for possession of child pornography

Protecting children from sexual exploitation is the primary goal of Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative that encourages the use of multi-jurisdictional task forces to investigate and prosecute cases that involve the sexual exploitation of children over the Internet.

One investigation has led to the sentencing of a Minneapolis man in federal court last week. Adrian Preston Campbell, 46, was sentenced to 54 months in prison June 27 in St. Paul by United States District Court Judge Paul Magnuson on one count of possession of child pornography.

Campbell was indicted on Dec. 11, 2007, and pleaded guilty on Jan. 31, 2008.

According to his plea agreement, Campbell admitted that on July 14, 2006, he did knowingly and unlawfully possess child pornography that he obtained on the Internet. During an executed search warrant of Campbell's apartment, police recovered his computer and found more than 600 images of child pornography.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Minneapolis Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Newberry.

Project Safe Childhood (PSC) urges that law enforcement efforts be complemented by community-wide campaigns to assist victims of exploitation and to educate parents, other adults, and children about Internet safety.

More than 20,000 images of child pornography are posted on the Internet every week. Recent research conducted by the Federal Bureau of Prisons indicates a strong correlation between possessing or distributing child pornography and committing sexual-contact crimes against children.

